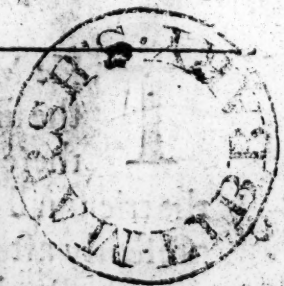
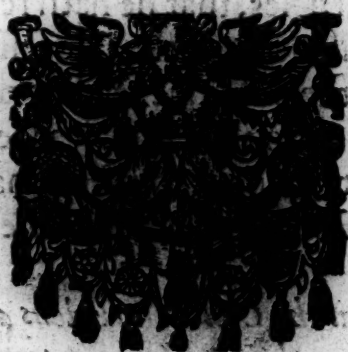



*Articles of Enquiry*  
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**TO BE ENQVIRED**  
of in the triennial Visita-  
tion of the Diocesse of  
**EXETER.**

*Holden Anno 1627.*

By authority of the most Reuerend  
Father in God, **GEORGE** Lord Archbishop  
of **CANTERBURY** His Grace, Primate  
of all **ENGLAND** and  
Metropolitan.



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**The Oath of the Church-wardens  
and Side-men.**

**Y**ou shall duely enquire, and true presentment make, of all offences done within your Parish against his Maiesties Ecclesiasticall Lawes, together with the names of the seuerall offenders, especially such as concerne these Articles now given you in charge. So helpe you God.

**A Monition to the Minister  
to reade these Articles in his Church.**

**T**He Minister is to intimate vnto his Parishioners the first Sunday or Holy day after the receipt of these Articles, that he hath receiued Articles for the trienniall Visitation of the Diocesse of ExETER, and presently after the publique reading of them he is to deliuer the Booke vnto the Head-warden, requiring him and his assistants to looke to their Charge. And the said Minister is to afford his best helpe thereunto.

**¶ It is wished that the Church-wardens and Side-men would bring with them their Presentments ready written, with their names subscribed thereunto.**

## Articles concerning the Clergie.

1 **I**Nprimis, whether hath your Minister read the Constitutions, set forth by his Maiestie, once every yeere, vpon some Sundayes or Holydayes in the afternoone before Diuine Service as he is bound?

2 Whether doth your Minister or Preacher in his prayer before his Sermon, vse to pray for the Kings Maiestie, King Charles, Queene Mary, and all the Royall progenie, with his whole Title, as King of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland, Defender of the faith, &c. and in all causes, and ouer all persons within his Highnesse dominions, as well Ecclesiasticall as Temporal, next and immediately vnder God supreme Souerignour? And whether doth he then in like maner pray for the Archbishops, and Bishops, as by the Law is also appointed?

3 Whether doth your Minister vse the prescript forme of diuine Service vpon Sundayes, Holy dayes, Wednesdayes, and Fridayes, according to the Booke of Common prayer? And whether doth your Minister duely obserue all the Orders, Rites, and Ceremonies prescribed in the Booke of Common prayer, as well in reading publike prayers and the Letany, as also in administering the Sacraments in such manner and forme, without omission or addition, as by the booke of Common prayer by the Law now established is enloppen.

4 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion so often, and at such times, as that euery Parishioner may receiue the same at least thrice in euery yeere, whereof once at Easter, as by the Booke of Common prayer is appointed?

5 Whether doth your Minister receiue the same himselfe on euery day that he administred it to others, kneeling at the same, and administred to none but such as doe kneele at the receiuing thereof, and vse the words of the institution, according to the booke,



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at every time that the bread and wine is received in such manner and forme, as by the Promise of the 12. Canon is directed: or wherein is he faulty touching the premises, and whether is warning given by him before hand for the Communion, as the 23. Canon requireth?

6 Whether doth your Minister vse the administration of the Lords Supper, Baptisme, instruction of childezen, solemnization of Matrimony, visitation of the sicke, buriall of the dead, the Communion, and Churching of women, vnder such words, Rites, and Ceremonies as are set forth and prescribed by the said Booke of Common prayer, and no other?

7 Whether hath your Minister admitted to the Communion any notorious offenders, or Schismatikes, contrary to the 26. and 27. Canons?

c 8 Whether your Minister, together with the Church-wardens and Questmen, doe take diligent care and heed, not only that all & every one of your owne parishioners do receiue thrice in euery peere, as aforesayd, but also that no strangers of any other Parish doe come often, and commonly to your Church from their owne Parish Church, contrary to the 28. Canon? And you are now to present the names of all those, who being of the age of of 16. yeeres, or upwards, haue not in their owne Parish, at, or since Easter last, receiued the Communion according to the 112. Canon.

9 Whether doth your Minister vse to signe childezen with the signe of the Crosse when they are baptized, according to the booke of Common prayer? and whether he hath deferred, or wilfully refused to baptize any infant in his Parish, being in danger, hauing been duly informed of the weaknesse thereof, and whether the childe hath died in his default without Baptisme, or whether he at any time refused or neglected to bury the dead, or to minister the Sacrament of the Lords Supper to any being in extremity of sickness, hauing been required thereunto?

10 Whether is your Parson or Vicar continually resident on his Benefice, as he ought to be? and whether doth he in his owne person preach and Catechize in your Parish while he is resident with you? And how long in euery peere is he absent from your Parish? and when he is so absent, vnder what other Benefice



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whether of Cure of soules, or where doeth hee employ himselfe during his absence from you?

11 Whether doth your Minister preach usually, according to the Constitutions, either in his owne Cure once every Sunday, or else in some other Church or Chappell neere adioyning, where no Preacher is, or how often hath hee been negligent in that behalfe?

12 Whether doeth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate, in their Sermons deliuer any doctrine different from the Articles of Religion established, & from the doctrine of the Church of England? or doe they handle Controuersies, or questions in their Sermons in opposition to doctrine or preaching of any other Minister, whereby diuision or difference groweth among the people? you shall diligently enquire and present what questions or Controuersies they haue so handled in their Sermons, and when?

13 Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed; if yea, then by whom? if no, then doth he procure Sermons to be preached among you once in euery moneth at least, by such as are lawfully licensed?

14 Whether hath your Minister any other Benefice, and whether doth hee supply his absence by a Curate that is licensed to preach in that his Cure, whereon he himselfe is not resident, or otherwise in case hee doth not finde a preaching Minister there, by reason of the smallnesse thereof, whether doth he preach at both his Benefices usually himselfe, according to the 47. Canon.

15 Whether is your Curate licensed to serue by the L. Bishop of the Diocesse, or his Chancelor, and whether doth he serue any moze Cures then one; if yea, what other Cure doth hee serue, and how farre are they distant one from the other; and whether hath your Curate any Benefice or Cure of soules besides your Cure?

16 If your Minister be not licensed to preach, whether doth he take vpon him to expound the Scriptures, either in his owne Cure, or elsewhere, contrary to the 49. Canon.

17 Whether hath any person been admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but such as you haue well knowen to be sufficiently licensed? you shall present their names whom ye haue so admitted, how often they haue preached, by whose procurement,

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and whether are the names of all strange preachers written and set downe in a booke ordained for that purpose :

18 Whether haue you caused euery strange preacher, licensed or not licensed, to subscribe his name, according to the 50. and 52. Canons, and whether haue they or any other preached in your Church, not being soberly and decently apparelled, according to the 74. Canon.

19 Whether doeth your Parson, or Vicar, or Lecturer, reade diuine Seruice, and administer the Sacraments in his owne person twice euery yeere, obseruing all the Ceremonies in the booke of Common prayer, established according to the 56. Canon.

20 Whether doeth your Minister weare the Surplice while he is saying the publike prayers and administering the Sacraments, and if he be a Graduate, whether doth he also weare vpon his Surplice during the times aforesaid, such a hood, as by the Orders of the Uniuersitie is agreeable to his degree?

21 Whether doth your Minister euery Sunday and Holyday before Euening prayer, for halfe an houre or more, Catechize and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of your parish in the tenne Commandements, the Articles of beliefe, and the Lords prayer, and whether doeth he vse the Catechisme set forth in the booke of Common prayer, & instruct and teach them in the said Catechisme, or what Catechisme else doth he vse, and whether be the children and ignorant persons sent at that time to the Church to be Catechized and instructed by the Minister, & if not, you are to present the names of those that make default in not sending them.

22 Whether doeth your Parson, Vicar, or Curate preach, teach or catechize in your Church or Chappell at vnusuall houres in the morning or euening, or doeth hee assemble into your Church or Chappell any of your Parish, or other places, there to preach, or vse any other exercise of Religion at such vnusuall houres, ouer and besides the vsuall houres appointed for diuine Seruice and Sermons? or doth he preach or teach, or vse any exercise of Religion in any such assembly, in any private house or place: you shal diligently enquire what assemblies haue bin so gathered together, to what number, and how long they haue remained together, and what Sermons, Catechizing or other exercise of Religion haue been vsed at such times, and how often?

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23 Whether hath your Minister without license from the Court of Faculties, or from the Archbishop, or Bishop of the Diocese, or his Chancelor, solemnized marriage betwixt any parties, the Banes being not three severall Sundayes or Holydayes first published in time of divine Service in the severall Churches or Chappels of their severall abodes according to the booke of Common prayer, or without license in time prohibited, albeit the Banes were so published, or at any time except betwixt the houres of 8. and 12. in the forenoone? or hath your Minister married any of another Diocese, or hath any of your Parish been married in another Diocese; if any have been so married, or licensed to marry by any authoritie, other then the aforesaid, you shall present the Minister so marrying, the parties so married, and the authoritie wherby this was done?

24 Whether hath your Minister since the last Canons published, solemnized any marriage betwixt any persons being under the age of 21. yeeres, although the Banes have been thrice asked, before such time as the parents have made knownen to him their consents thereunto, contrary to the 100. Canon?

25 Whether doth your Minister upon Sundayes at Morning prayer declare to the Parishioners what Holydayes and fasting dayes are appointed to bee kept the weeke following according to the booke of Common prayer?

26 Whether doeth your Minister in the Rogation dayes use the perambulation of the circuit of the Parish appointed by Law? And in the same perambulation moove the people to give thanks to God for his benefits, using such Psalmes and Prayers as are so that end set forth?

27 Whether hath any (being no Minister or Deacon) presumed to reade common Prayer openly in the Church or Chappell, or to serue the Cure of the Parish? And whether hath any Deacon, not having received the full Orders of Priesthood, administered the Sacraments in your Church or Chappell? and you are to present the name of any that hath offended herein?

28 Whether doth your Minister every sixe moneths denounce in your Parish all such as doe perseuere in the sentence of Excommunication, not seeking to be absolved? and whether hath he sayd divine Service while any excommunicate person hath been present?



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sent in the Church, or hath admitted any person excommunicate, into the Church without a certificate of his Absolution from the Ordinary, or other competent Judge?

29 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, endeavour and labour diligently with mildnesse, and temperance to reclaim Popish Recusants in his Parish from their errors, if there be any such abiding there? and whether any of them being so offered conference by your Minister, doe refuse it.

30 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, or Curate too much frequent, or over conversant with, or a favourer of Recusants, where by he may be suspected not to be sincere in Religion.

31 Whether hath your Minister, or any other taking upon him the calling of a Minister, preached, baptized children, (except in case of necessitie) solemnized Marriage, Churched any woman, or ministered the holy Communion in any private house or houses, otherwise then by Law is allowed: if yea; then where? whom? when? and how often hath he offended in any of the premises?

32 Whether doth your Minister resort to such as bee sicke, to instruct and comfort them in their distresse, according to the booke of Common prayer.

33 Whether doth your Minister carefully looke to the reliefe of the poore? and whether doth he from time to time call upon his Parishioners to conferre and give somewhat, as they may spare to godly and charitable uses, especially when they make their Testaments?

34 Whether doth your Minister use such decencie and comeliness in his apparell, as by the 74. Constitution is enforped him: and is he of sober behaviour, and one that doth not use such boddy labour as is unseemely for his calling?

35 Whether doe you know any in your Parish, that having heretofore taken upon him the order of Priesthood, or a Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and betaken himselfe in the course of his life as a Lay-man, or neglecting his vocation, liueth solely, serving no Cure, nor preaching any where?

36 Whether is your Minister noted or reputed to bee an incontinent person, a frequenter of Tavernes, or Alehouses, a common Gamester, or player at Dice, a common swearer or drunkard, or lawlesse in any other crime punishable by Ecclesiasticall censures,

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tures, whereby he is offensive or scandalous to his function or ministerie?

37 Whether doth your Minister vse the forme of Thanksgiving for women after their child-birth? and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with child in adultery, or fornication, without licence of his Ordinary?

cc 38 Whether hath your Minister receiued any excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation from the Bishop of this diocesse, his Chancelloz, or other Ordinarie against any of his parishioners which he hath presumed to make stay of, and not published such excommunication, suspension, or aggrauation, the next Sunday or Holyday after the receipt of the same in time of Diuine Service in your Church or Chappell?

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c 1 **V**Whether haue you in your seuerall Churches or Chappels, the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall, ready to be read by the Minister, according to his Maiesties pleasure published by his Highnesse authoritie vnder the Great Seale of England?

2 Whether is there in your Church or Chappell one parchment Register Booke provided for Christenings, marriages, and burials? and whether is the same duely and exactly kept, according to the Constitutions in that behalfe provided? and haue the Churchwardens exhibited a transcript thereof into the Lord Bishops Registry, euery yeere since the last trienniall Visitation, as by the 70. Canon is required?

3 Whether you haue provided the Booke of Common Prayer, lately set forth by his Maiesties authoritie, and the Booke of Homilies, and a large Bible of the last Edition? And whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone set by in the ancient vsuall place, a conuenient and decent Communion Table, with a Carpet of silke or some other decent stuffe, and a faire linnen cloth to lay thereon at the Communion time? And whether is the same Table placed in such conuenient sort within the said Chancell or Church, as that the Minister may bee best heard in his prayer, and administration, and that the greater number may communicate

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municate: And whether are the Ten Commandements set vpon the East end of your Church and Chappell where your people may see and read them, and other sentences of holy Scriptures written on the walls likewise for the same purpose?

4 Whether haue you a conuenient Seat for your Minister to read Seruice in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion; haue you two faire and fitting Surplices with sleeves for your Minister, and another without sleeves for your Clarke; a faire Communion Cup of silver, and a couer agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of Diuine Seruice, and administration of the Sacraments, and a strong Chest for the Almes of the poore, with three lockes and keyes, whereof the Minister is to keepe one key, and another chest for the keeping of the ornaments of the Church, and Register Booke: And haue you your accustomed number of Belles fit and seruiceable for ringing?

5 Whether the houses and buildings belonging to your parsonage or vicaridge, with the walls, hedges or fences be in good and sufficient repaire; and if they be decayed, how long haue they bene in such decayes, and to what valew, and whether your Parson and Vicar both vse any indeauour, for, and towards the repairing thereof? you shall diligently enquire and present the same: And whether the Patron hath taken away part of his glebe, or mingled it with his owne land?

6 Whether are your Church or Chappells, with the Chancels thereof, and all things thereto belonging decently and comely kept aswell within as without; and are the Seates of your Church well maintained? if not, then through whose default, and what the defectes are?

7 Whether is your Churchyard well and sufficiently repaired with walles, rayles, or pales, according to the 85. Canon? If not, then through whose default any part is left vnrepaired, and at whose charge the same is to bee repaired? And haue there bene of late cut downe any trees growing in your Churchyard, or in the fences of the same, by whom, and to what vse hath the same bene employed: and is the Churchyard any way annoyed or defiled by any beasts, or carriage into it? And hath any person excommunicated,



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cated, or any Recusant convicted, or any that hath destroyed the stone life beene buried in your Church or Churchyard?

8 Whether hath any person encroached on the ground of the Churchyard? and if hee hath, what quantity of ground hath hee encroched? And whether is any part of your Churchyard encroched on, or encumbred by Tombes or Monuments erected without the allowance of the Lord Bishop of this diocesse, or his Chancelloz, or other lawfull authorizty? when, and for whom, and by whom such Tombes and Monuments haue beene so erected?

9 Whether haue you in your Church, any ancient or true Note, or Tetter of all the glebes, lands, meadowes, gardens, orchards, houses, stocks, implements, tenements, and portions of tythes, lying within or without the Parish, which belongs to your Parsonage or Vicaridge, if there be any: Whether is it well kept and preserved for the good of the succeeding Incumbents, and in what particular place is it kept?

### Articles concerning Ecclesiasticall Officers.

1 **W**hether doe you know or haue heard of any payment, composition, or agreement, to, or with the Chancelloz, Register, or other inferior Officers Ecclesiasticall, for the suppressing or concealing of any Presentment, Excommunication, or other Ecclesiasticall censure, of, or against Recusants, or any other Offenders: or for not certifying of Recusants to the Ordinary, or for not serving of Proccesse without a summe of money, or other consideration receiued or promised to any of them in that respect, and by whom?

2 Whether the Chancelloz, Archdeacon, or Officiall, or any other using Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within this Diocesse, their Registers, or Apparitors haue at any time winked at and suffered, any adulteries, fornications, incests, or any other faults, or offences presented unto them to passe and remaine unpunished and uncorrected, for money, reward, bribes, pleasure, friendship, or any other partiall respect?

3 Whether the Chancelloz, Archdeacon, or Officiall haue called for, or caused the Churchwardens to make, bring, or to pay for any more Billes of Presentment then is to the 14. Canon appointed?

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4 Whether hath any Chancelloz, Archdeacon, or Officiall, or any other exercising Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, within this Diocesse, or any, Register, Apparitor, or Minister belonging to the same Ecclesiasticall Courts exacted extraordinary, or greater fees then heretofore of late hath bene accustomed, and whether is there a Table of the rates of all fees set by in their severall Courts and Offices; and whether doe they, or any of them exact or receive greater or more fees then are therein expressed; or whether they or any of them have taken upon them the Office of Informers or Promoters to the Court, or any other way abused themselves in their Offices contrary to the Law and Canon in that case provided?

5 Whether hath the Chancelloz, Archdeacon, or Officiall increased the number of his Apparitors, or appointed any Apparitor above the usuall number, and wherein, and in what manner is the Countrey overburdened and grieved by the said Apparitors. And whether doth any of the said Apparitors cause any parties to appeare in the said Courts without first a presentment, or Citation obtained from the Judge of the Court?

## Articles concerning Schoolemasters.

1 **W**hether recusant Papists are there in your Parish, and whether doe any of them or any other keepe any Schoolemaster in their house, who commeth not to Church to heare Divine Service, and receive the Communion: What is his name, and how long hath he taught?

2 Whether the Schoole-master or Schoole-masters within your Parish, openly, or privately in any house, or in any other place be of good and sincere Religion (that is of the Religion established in this Realme) life, and conversation, and be diligent in teaching and bringing up of youth, and whether they have bene examined, allowed, and licensed for Schoole-masters by the Lord Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancelour.

3 Whether your Schoole-master or Schoole-masters doe themselves receive the holy Communion as often as they ought to doe? and whether doe all their Schollers, which be of age sufficient, and of capacitie by instruction to receive the

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**L**o, or Supper, come to the Communion, either in the Church, or where their parents dwell, once every yeare, and be diligent to heare Common prayer?

**4** Whether your Schoole-master or Schoole-masters, either private or publique, doe teach their Schollers the Catechisme authorized by publique authoritie, at least once every weeke, & doe instruct, and examine them in the same; and whether doe they read vnto their Schollers privately any vnlawfull bookes: or privately instruct them in their young yeares, in Popery, superstition, schisme, or disobedience, or contempt of his Maiestie and his Lawes Ecclesiasticall, by publique authority allowed?

**5** Whether your Schoolemaster or Schoolemasters within your Parish doe teach his or their Schollers any other Grammar, then that which is commonly called the Kings Grammar, set forth by authority of King Henry the eighth: and whether they be negligent in instructing their Schollers in the Catechisme and grounds of Religion, and in bringing them to Church to heare diuine seruice and Sermons: whether doe they instruct their Schollers in any other Catechisme then is allowed by publique authority: and whether are they common Officers, Farmers, Artificers, or otherwise intangled in other affaires, that they cannot benefit their Schollers in learning?

## Articles concerning the Laitye.

**1** **W**hether any in your Parish or else where neere about the same to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, hath affirmed that the King hath not the same power in all causes Ecclesiasticall, which the Kings of Israel had, and which the Christian Kings & Emperours had in the Primitive Church: or that hath impeached or gaue said his Royall Supremacy.

**2** Whether doe you know or haue credibly heard of any within your Parish, that depraue the Christian Religion, and namely as it is established by publique authority, and professed within the Church of England: and whether hath any person (as you haue heard,) affirmed that the Church of England is not a true, Catholike and Apostolicke Church, and doth not teach and maintaine the Catholike Faith and Doctrine of the Apostles?



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3 Whether hath any said, or affirmed, that any thing in the Booke of Common prayer, or in the Booke of Articles of Religion set forth by the Conuocation, Anno Domini 1562. or any of the rites and Ceremonies established in the Church of England are corrupt, tithed, antichristian superstitions, vnlawfull, or repugnant to the Scriptures?

4 Whether hath any affirmed, preached or taught, that the forme of making and consecrating Bishops, Priests and Deacons, or any thing therein contained, is not agreeable to the word of God? or that the government of the Church vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie, by Archbishops, Bishops or others, that beare any office therein, is Antichristian, or not agreeable to the word of God? or that hath spoken any reproachfull or disgracefull speeches of the Kings Maiesties Courts Ecclesiasticall, or the proceedings thereof?

5 Whether any in your Parish hath or doeth prophane the Lords day called, Sunday, or other holy-day contrary to the orders of the Church of England prescribed in that behalfe? or whether any persons haue lurked in Tauerne, or Alehouses on Sundayes, or other Holidayes, or vled his or their manuall Craft or Trade, or any bodily labour, or kept their shoppes open vpon the same dayes or any of them, especially in the time of diuine seruice?

6 Whether hath any in your Parish straled, quarrelled or stricken, or vled any violence vnto or with your Minister, or any other parson in the Church or Churchyard, or vled himselfe disorderly in the Church or Churchyard by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behauiour?

7 Whether is that due reuerence and humble submission vled within your Church or Chappell in the time of diuine seruice, as by the eighteenth Canon is prescribed, and whether each one in the Church or Chappell doe apply and order himselfe there in time of Diuine seruice, as by the latter part of the same Canon is most commendably enioyned?

8 Whether doe the Church wardens and Quellmen every Sunday and Holyday diligently search who absente themselves or be themselves from the Church or Churchyard in the time of Common prayer or Sermon?

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¶ 9 Whether the Churchwardens and Questmen, or any of them, haue forborne (for money, reward, fauour or affection) to present any that were or bee negligent in comming to Church, or whom they haue found as idle persons abroad, either in the Churchyard or Streets in the time of Common prayer, or Sermons on the Sunday or Holidayes? or any that haue not receiued the Communion yearely at the feast of Easter, or within a moneth after, according to the Canons?

10 Whether the Churchwardens doe provide against every Communion, with the aduice of the Minister, a sufficient quantity of fine white bread, and of good and wholesome Wine, for the number of Communicants that shall receiue, and that to bee brought in a cleane and sweet standing pot of Pewter or of other pure mettall?

11 Whether haue any in your Parish beene Godfathers or Godmothers to their owne childe? or whether your Minister, or any Godfathers or Godmothers haue bled or doe vse any other forme, answer or speech in Baptisme, then is by the Booke of common Prayer appointed? or doe giue the childe baptized any name absurde or inconuenient for so holy an action? or whether any which haue not communicated, haue beene admitted to bee Godfathers or Godmothers contrary to the 29. Canon?

12 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Masters and Mistresses cause their childe, seruants and Apprentices to come to the Catechisme on the Sundais and Holidayes before euening Prayer, to heare, and to bee instructed and taught therein? and those that doe not their duties herein, you shall present their names?

13 Whether haue you or your Predecessors Churchwardens there suffered any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Churchales, Drinkings, or any other profane playes to bee kept in your Church, Chappell, Churchyard, or Wells to be rung superstitiously on Holidayes or Eues, abrogated by the Booke of Common Prayer?

14 How many Inhabitantes within your Parish, men or women, above the age of sixteene yeeres, doe refuse to frequent the same service, established by publike authority of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion, or are negligent therein? or com-  
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thing to Church, doe depart before the end of diuine service, or sermon? what be their names, and of what degree, state, or trade of life they are? you are to present them all of each sort.

15 Whether doe any of the Inhabitantes within the said parish, entertaine within their houses any Sojourners, Lodgers, or any common resorters and guests, who refuse to frequent diuine service, or to receiue the holy communion, as aforesaid, what be their names, and of what quality or condition are they?

16 Whether any of the said popish Recusants be of insolent behaviour, not without publike offence, or doe boldly busie themselves in seducing or withdrawing others, either abroad, or in their owne families, by instructing their children in popish religion, or by refusing to entertaine any, especially in any place of greatest service and trust, but such as concurre with them in opinion of religion, and what be their names that so doe?

17 How long the said popish Recusants haue either obstinately abstained, either from diuine Service, or from the Communion, as is aforesaid? whether of any long time, or since his Maesties reigne, and how many moneths?

18 Whether there bee any popish Recusant married; or the child of any Recusant christened, or any Recusant buried within your parish, by any other then the Minister of the parish, or whether the child of any Recusant remaine unbaptized aboue one moneth, or be not baptized in the parish Church?

19 You shall present how the children of such as refuse to come to Church are brought vp, vnder what Schoole-master, or Tutor, when, and in what Schoole, or place?

20 What persons aforesaid within your parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacy or crime, do remaine excommunicated? what be their names, and for what cause, and how long haue they so stood excommunicated? And whether doe any familiarly vse the company of such as doe obstinately stand excommunicated, knowing the same: and what be their names?

21 Whether were you the Churchwardens and Aquestmen, chosen by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners? And whether haue the Churchwardens before you giuen up a iust account for their time, of their receipts and disbursements, and delivered you whatsoeuer money, or things, or goods, or stocks of the



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**¶** The Church, which was in their hands: And whether doe you diligently see that all the parishioners doe duly resort to their Church, every Sunday and Holiday, and there continue the whole time of divine Service, and suffer none to stand idle, or walke or talke in the Church, church-porch, or churchyard during that time?

cc 22 Whether doe all persons above the age of sixteen yeeres, usually resort to heare divine Service upon Sundaires and Holidays appoynted: and whether hath each one of your parishioners (being above the age of sixteen yeeres, as aforesaid) received the holy Communion thrice this last yeere, and chiefly once at Easter last in your parish Church kneeling? If no, then you shall present their names that have not so done?

cc 23 Whether have you a fit parish Clerke, aged twenty yeeres at least, of honest conversation, and sufficient for reading and writing; and whether he be paid his wages without fraud, according to the ancient custome of your parish? if not, then by whom is he so defrauded and denied? and whether is he chosen by the Parson, or Vicar, or by whom? And whether is your said Clerke appoynted and admitted by the Lord Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancellor? and doth he keepe cleane and decent the ornaments of the Church?

cc 24 Whether have any in your parish bin married within the prohibited degrees forbidden by the Law, & expressed in a certain Table, published by authority, An. 1563. if yea, then you shall present their names; and whether is the said Table publicly set up in your Church, and fastened to some convenient place there?

25 Whether doe any heretofore divorced, or married and not divorced, keepe company at bed and board as man and wife, with other man or woman, then with the person that he or she was married unto? what be their names, when and where were they married, and how long have they so continued together? and whether any husband and wife in your parish are apart each from other?

26 Whether have you in your parish, to your knowledge, or you have heard by common fame and report, any which have committed adultery, fornication, or incest, which have not bene publicly punished to your knowledge? if yea, then with whom?

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Of any man that hath attempted the chastity of any woman; or any who haue committed incontinency together before they were married? or any in your parish suspected to be hauders, harbourers, or receiuers of such persons, or suspected of any of the crimes aforesaid? if yea, then with whom?

27 Whether haue you any in your parish which are by common fame and report, or vehement suspicion, reputed and taken to be common drunkards, blasphemers of Gods holy name, common and vsuall swearers, filthy speakers, raylers, sowers of discord among their neighbours, or speakers against ministers marriages, Curers, contrary to the statute made in the seuen and thirtieth yeare of King Henry the eight, simoniacall persons, fighters, brawlers or quarrellers in Church or Church-yard? you shall present their names.

28 Whether haue any in your parish receiued or harboured any woman with child, that was not before an householder in your parish, or gotten with childe out of wedlocke, and suffered her to depart againe without punishment first inflicted by the Ordinary? you shall present as well the partie harbouring as harboured, and who is suspected to bee the father of the child, and who hath helped to conuey her away?

29 Whether any person or persons, suspected or detected heretofore of incontinency, and therefore departing out of your parish, is now returned againe, or in what place is hee or shee now abiding to your knowledge, or as you haue heard, and whether he or shee hath done any penance, or else escaped without penance, and by what and whole meanes? you shall not faile to present the whole truth in that behalfe.

30 Whether haue you any in your Parish, which liue together as man and wife, and yet are not knowne by whom, where, or when they were married? And herein you are especially to enquire of those who are Recusants, or whereof the one of them is a Recusant or Sectary: Present your knowledge herein, and what the common fame and report is among your neighbors.

31 Whether any within your Parish, or else where within this Diocese, haue retained or kept in their custody, or read, sell, utter,

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betwixt, disperse, or deliver to any others, any English or Latine Bookes or Libells, set forth and printed either on this side, or beyond the seas, by Papists or Sectaries against the Kings Supremacy in causes Ecclesiasticall, or tending to Popery, Puritanisme, or any other sect, error, or heresie, against the true and Catholike Religion and Doctrine now publikely professed in this Church, or the gouernment and discipline of the Church of England established by authority, that you know or haue heard of, what their names and surnames are?

32 Whether haue you in your Parish any, which heretofore being Popish Recusants or Sectaries, haue since conformed themselves, and come to the Church to heare Diuine Seruice, and receiue the Sacrament? If yea, then who they are? and how long since haue they so conformed themselves, and whether doe they still abide in that conformity?

33 Whether are there in your Parish any Wills not yet proved, or goods of the dead dying intestate, left vnamministrated by authority of the Ordinary in that behalfe? And whether any possesse the goods of any persons deceased without authority from the Ordinary? you shall not faile to present the Executors, and all other culpable therein, and how many persons possessed of goods and chattels haue dyed within your Parish, since the second of April now last past, and present their names.

34 Is there any Legacy giuen to the Church, or to any other good and godly vles, as reliefe of the poore, orphans, poore-scholars, poore maidens marriages, schooles, highwayes, and such like, which is not yet performed? If there be any such, you shall present what you know, or can learne thereof, and by whose default the same is not performed?

35 Whether any of your Parishioners, hauing a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to any other place to heare other Preachers, or refuse to receiue the holy Communion at their Ministers hands? And whether any other Minister hath receiued to the Communion any of your Parish? And specifye the names both of the Minister and of the Parishioner.

36 Whether there be in your parish any Inholders, Alehouse-keepers, Ale-tollers, or Tiplers, that suffer or doe admit any per-



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for any persons into their houses, to eate, drinke, play at dice, cards, tables, bowles, or such like games in the time of Common prayer, or Sermon, or Sundaires, or Holidaves : or any Butchers, Vintners, Mercers, or any of any other trade or occupation, vnto to keepe their shop windowes open, or sell their meat, vntils, ware, or merchandizes, or otherwise vse their trade or occupation on Sundaves or Holidaves, especially in the time of Common prayer or sermon? or whether any markets or selling of wares be vsed or suffered in any Church-yard on the Sunday, by common Packe-men, or Peblers going about, or any Butcher?

37 Whether any married woman within your Parish, after childe-birth, refuse or neglect to come to Church, to giue God thanks for her safe deliuerie, and to haue the prayers publickly appointed by the Booke of Common prayer?

38 As there any in your parish, who refuse to haue their children baptized, or themselves to receiue the Communion, at the hand of your Minister, because he is no Preacher? or whether any keepe their children longer unbaptized then is conuenient, vntill it be for the sicknesse of the child, or other vrgent occasion? and whether any doe carry their child or children from their owne parish, to any other parish to be baptized, and to what other parish? who baptized such a child, and whose child it was? or whether haue you in your parish any child or children which are not yet knowne to you or to your Minister to be baptized? And herein you are especially to enquire of those children, whose parents, or one of them, are Recusants.

39 Whether doe you know, or haue heard of any Patron in your parish that hath made graue by any colour, deceit, or simoniacall compact, in bestowing his benefice for graue, or receiving money, or promise of the lease of the whole, or part, or by reseruing his owne tithes, or any pension to himselfe, or any other?

40 Whether the Almshouses or hospitals in your parish are well and godly vsed and ordered, according to the foundation and ordinances of the same, and whether there be any other placed in them, then poore, impotent, and needy persons, that haue not wherewith or wherewith to liue? and by whose default are they not so ordered and kept?

41 What Houses haue you in your parish, of what skill are they

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they accounted of for that office, and whether are they licenced by their Ordinary to execute the same?

42 Whether haue you any in your parish that practise physicke or surgery, of what skill are they accounted for their profession, and whether doe they practise without a particular licence from the L. Bishop of this Diocesse, or his Chancellour?

c 43 Whether any in your parish hath or doe refuse to contribute towards the reparation of the Church, and to the provision of such things as belong thereunto.

44 Whether the fift of Nouember bee kept in your Parish, with prayer and thanksgiuing to Almighty God, in such forme as is by publike authority appointed for those dayes?

45 Lastly, if you know any matter of Ecclesiasticall cognisance, worthy the presentment in your iudgement, heretofore in these Articles not exprest, and which is fit to bee reformed by Ecclesiasticall Censure, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your Oathes.

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